

## BENGALI CHRONICLE 255 OF OCTOBER 2021

### FIVE DAYS MERRIMENT FOR OUR GREATEST FESTIVAL of DURGAMA



Members of Bhubhuzela NGO offering every year all festival clothes for our 80 inmates!



Preparation of the « Pandal » by Binay View of the illuminated tent from my back-window.



All the beautiful ALPONA are made by our own artists girls.



Welcome by Gopa at arrival, then she helps the 'Purohit' with lotuses during celebration.



Under the tent for the 'bhakts', everyone enjoy the various ceremonies.



Arrival of the young 'KUMARI DEVI' Boys welcome the picture of 'my' BROTO, who died three years ago on this day. He was blind, deaf, dumb and paraplegic. He is now with angels.



« Chow-mien » for all the village 'children and for us all!



Announce of dances with thanks for the various groups.



Dances of our girls and of several folklorik bands that are producing themselves free of cost.

**FIFTH DAY: DEPARTURE OF DURGAMA: 'BIDDAY' FROM THE MARRIED WOMEN**



Joy and sadness are mixed, but the merriment is great !



Devdut, son of Gopa and other women are preparing some mischief against me...Mampi, wife of Binay blocked me and obliged me to be powdered and to dance!



I share their rejoicing The husband ( a policeman) of our President Munmun.



Ultimate picture... Gopa leaves with the 'heart' of Durga. 'Thakur' Put on the lorry



Along the road tu return Durgama where she was coming : the Damodar river, where from she will come back in 2022

## UNEXPECTED BUT WELCOME VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CALCUTTA ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021



After two years, fraternal embrace from my father cum friend. All are so happy to see his simplicity and warmth!



Donation of a superb and rare 'ICON' from Rome, handmade of precious and special golden thread for **"OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP"** whose original icon lies in Rome, dated between XI-XIII century. A really exceptional piece of art. I shall speak about it in November.

## NEW REPRESENTATION OF THE DEVI AS A DISTRESSED MIGRANT



She is an Indian Muslim, but put in a detention camp for being foreigner. Another is chased from her home, looking in vain for work...



Migrants on the road, harassed, trafficked, often raped, those courageous women have no other option than to show the men that **the Goddess is within them**, the Durga men worship and venerate...but torture and abuse! But among the some 35.000 Pandals, some having 155 foot, many are only artificial, a piece of luxury or empty! But some other are really place of worshipping and praying.

## RENOVATION AND DECORATIONS OF ICOD'S WALLINGS



Gandhi Bhavan's wall decorated by two young artists, free of cost .



Palash, accountant, in front of his renovated walls.

## VISIT TO ABC « HOPE OF PEACE » KATHILA-ULUBERIA



In front of the « Lapierre rickshaw », then a beautiful Madona. Sukeshidi & Devdut



**Dances and songs gave me a renewed youth with all those young smiling disabled! ABC is really a “Centre of Excellence” for more than hundred inmates. ABC is my own pride!**

**VISIT BY OUR BANGALORE’S FRIENDS SENT BY OUR DONORS.**



**Welcome to Benjamine, a social worker full of experience and dynamism; to Jimmy, super accountant with a bewitching smile; and to Prarthona, writer, daughter-in-law of Benjamine. What a beautiful experts’ team!**



**Visit of the environment, in front of a statue of the Lord Jesus just behind Ramakrishna & Sarada Devi. All our statues, including Mother Teresa & the Virgin Mary, has been given to us by Indian friends**



**Grapefruits offered by our boys.**

**All non-official meetings were held around my bed.**



**Benjamine and her daughter-in-law from Kolkata. visits.**



**Bye-bye and thanks + promises of future visits.**

**A FIRST FOR US: THE GOVERNMENT SENT ITS TECHNICIANS TO ICOD**



**For those who cannot walk outside, AADHAR CARD has been made in our place. Several psychiatric patients have benefitted.**



**One of the rare picture of Mamoni who refuses energetically to be taken. This poor girl has suffered so many abuses and troubles in her short life!**

**EXTREME HEAT PERIODS FOLLOWED BY DRAUGHT ALTERNATING WITH WATER CATARACTS, FOLLOWED BY INVASIVE JUNGLE GROWTH AND FALLEN TREES...WAS THE CLIMATE OF OCTOBER.**







We are still using the wood of 'AMPHAN', that we have new tree trunks to be cut!  
Mushrooms are everywhere, and moss covers roads and walls. Everything is supersaturated  
by humidity...



All our beautiful bougainvilleas have collapsed this last week due to excessive rains. Our staff  
cannot clean the soil which has become jungle...

## FOUR OUT OF FIVE PEOPLE LOST HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BY THE POLICE.



- 1) Completely mad woman, trying to kiss me, than to beat me. Here with our In-charge.
- 2) Tumpa, Young mother of one 4 year girl. Brought by her husband who loves her. But she hammers everyone. Still refuses to eat.
- 3) Very quiet, but she looks like an autistic, which she is not.
- 4) Moroni was with us since 26 years from Belari. She left suddenly 2 years ago. Brought again, she says she is happier here than on the roads...She is a innocent maniac.
- 5) Grighat, 34, is from Manipur (Myanmar border) Does not understand why he is here. Impossible up to now to receive answer from his family. Otherwise, he is normal. We shall have to escort him to his place, 1500 km!

\*We cannot refuse anymore to the police, because now all those lost people are sent through the COURT! Big problems for us: if they escape, we can expect jail for us! And now that we have reached 80 INMATES, it creates new problem of funds!



The only landscape that is reconstituted after the 2 cyclones. Except that some coconut trees are lacking.

This bird is a common Smyrna halcyon above its nest in a small cliff.



Two months ago, we have completely cleaned this place, added a small path . Now, it is an impenetrable jungle, where some uncommon flowers appear.



At least two new superb orchids bloomed out of the marasmus. suddenly appear after 11 months, completely out of its season.

One Gladioli